

PAST YEAR IN BASEBALL ONE OF MANY STARTLING FEATURES—OTHER NEWS OF SPORTS

SEGAL WINNER OF STARR CLUB STREET EVENT

Shows Heels to Field of 100 Over Six-mile Course

Harry F. Segal, a slightly built lad of Chester, now wearing the emblem of the Mercury Athletic Club, of this city, ran through a field of 100 runners, around trolley cars and wagons and through several thousand persons and won the fourth annual street run of the Theodore Starr Club on South street this morning.

Segal worked his way to the front before half of the six miles was covered and then set his own pace the rest of the way. He was a half block ahead at the finish. The race was a difficult one to run, and was also difficult for the officials to handle at the finish.

Mounted policemen could not keep the crowd on the sidewalks and when runners passed by near the finish they jostled officials around like so many candle pins. It was only with the greatest reluctance that they managed to check up the runners. The street was full of trolley cars, wagons and automobiles and time after time the runners were forced to stop at street corners and wait for wagons, cars and automobiles to pass. Some of the runners were unfortunate to be stopped more than once and every stop meant several seconds lost.

Seconds mean a great deal in a run of this kind as will be noted in the competition for the time prize in which five runners finished within 15 seconds. The time prize was won by Harry Rabinowitz, of the Boys' Club of the Church Club, who covered the course in 32 minutes. This was seven seconds better than the time of Sehested, Malta Boat Club star, and 11 seconds better than the time made by Frank Zuna, of the Irish-American Athletic Club of New York. Zuna found the handicapped a little too hard for him to overcome and he finished away down the list.

The Boys' Club, of the Church Club, won the team trophy with a total of 41 points, nosing out the Swedish-American Athletic Club, of New York. The Swedish club won two team trophies, for there was a trophy offered to the first out-of-town club to have a runner in at the finish. The Theodore Starr Club on two occasions won the team trophy and then gave the prize to another club, but in this race the Starr Club finished last in the team competition.

While first place was tied up by Segal good and early and without any fight, there were a lot of good brushes for other places. Frank Rodgers, of the Marquette Club, and the Victor, of the Swedish-American Club of New York, had a great fight for second place. They ran on even terms for several blocks, and Rodgers nosed out his Swedish rival by a yard at the finish.

The summaries:

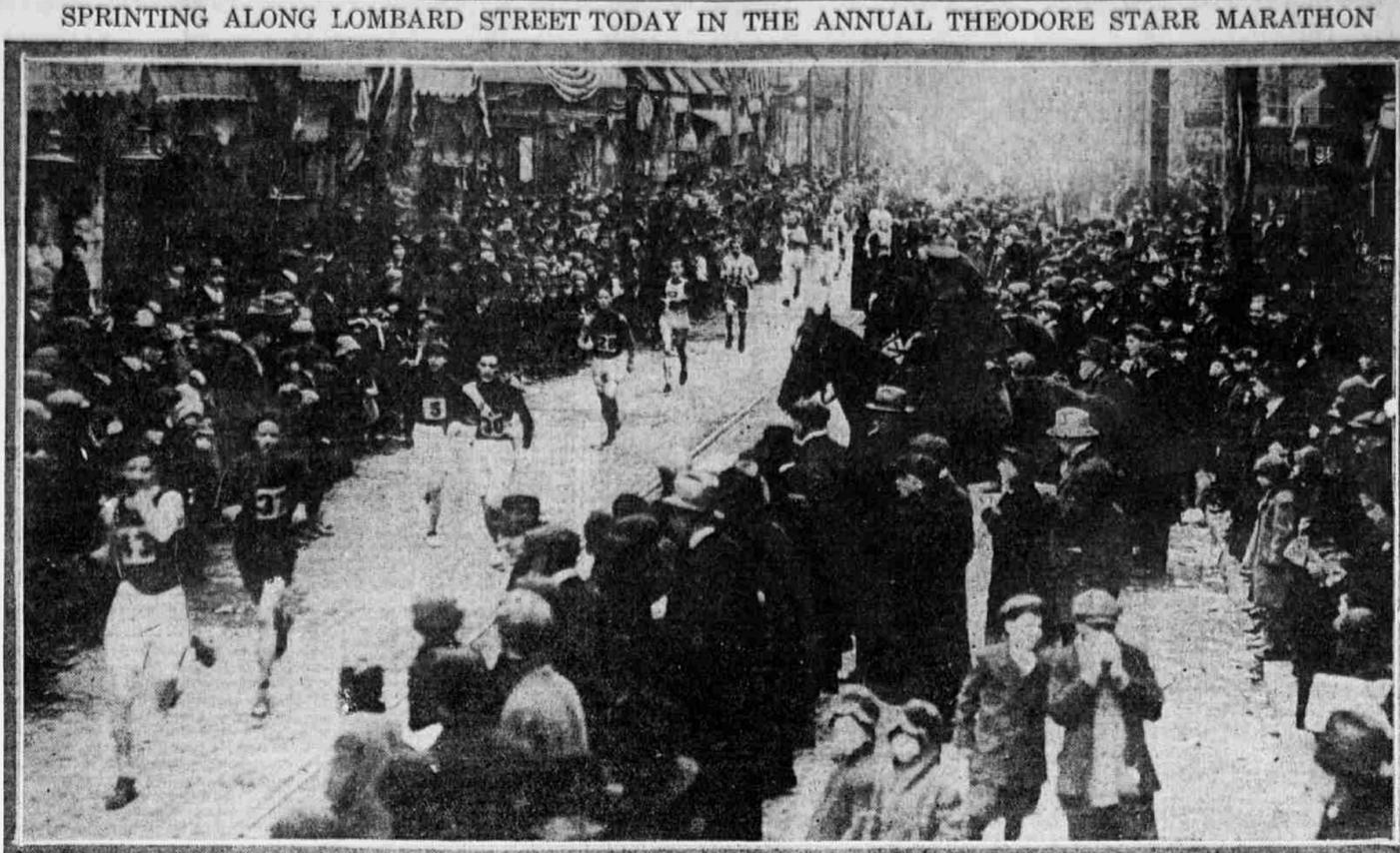
Contestant	Club	Elapsed Time	Actual Time
H. F. Segal	Mercury A. C.	32:14	32:14
F. Rodgers	Marquette Club	34:24	34:24
V. Victor	Swedish-American	34:35	34:35
John Wells	unattached	35:16	35:16
Joe DiStefano	Marquette Club	35:22	35:22
Oscar Jensen	Swedish-American	35:18	35:18
H. Rabinowitz	Boys' Club of Church Club	35:20	35:20
C. Forester	Brickton Club	35:22	35:22
W. Wagstaff	B. C. C. C. C.	35:22	35:22
G. Gallagher	Brickton Club	35:24	35:24
P. Goodman	unattached	35:24	35:24
W. H. Gibson	N. W. B. C.	35:25	35:25
John Ryan	Shanahan Club	35:29	35:29
H. G. Gunther	Brickton Club	35:35	35:35
T. Hagelin	St. James' C. C.	35:40	35:40
R. Rose	B. C. C. C. C.	35:40	35:40
H. Mount	Y. M. C. A.	35:40	35:40
C. J. Allendorf	N. W. B. C.	35:53	35:53
C. J. Schuster	Brickton Club	36:02	36:02
Walter Johnson	Swedish-American	36:02	36:02
E. Richter	Mercury A. C.	36:06	36:06
J. Williams	Marquette Club	36:08	36:08
J. Young	Brickton Club	36:10	36:10
M. Martin	N. W. B. C.	36:12	36:12
Charles Reddy	Marquette Club	36:14	36:14
J. M. Harvey	unattached	36:21	36:21
E. McGrath	unattached	36:25	36:25
F. Scott	Brickton Club	36:27	36:27
W. Scott	B. C. C. C. C.	36:27	36:27
C. A. Lounsbury	Brickton Club	36:32	36:32
J. Johnson	Brickton Club	36:35	36:35
F. Worthington	B. C. C. C. C.	36:35	36:35
F. O'Rourke	Brickton Club	36:38	36:38
P. F. Sweeney	N. W. B. C.	36:38	36:38
H. Hunter	B. C. C. C. C.	36:44	36:44
C. H. Hinkman	Southwest C. C.	36:44	36:44
W. Scott	Brickton Club	36:49	36:49
F. H. Farmer	B. C. C. C. C.	36:50	36:50
C. H. Hinkman	Southwest C. C.	36:50	36:50
Carl Hanson	Swedish-American	37:03	37:03
E. Stewart	Brickton Club	37:03	37:03
H. Garvey	Shanahan Club	37:04	37:04
John McLaughlin	unattached	37:07	37:07
H. Le Sueur	Brickton Club	37:08	37:08
P. Hoskins	Litewille H. C.	37:11	37:11
Leo Scott	Brickton Club	37:11	37:11
H. Wasserman	The Star	37:12	37:12
W. H. Timm	N. W. B. C.	37:17	37:17
J. McKernan	Marquette Club	37:21	37:21
A. H. Green	Brickton Club	37:21	37:21
Joseph Rossini	unattached	37:48	37:48
C. H. Green	Brickton Club	37:52	37:52
P. Dillon	Brickton Club	37:57	37:57
A. Bianchi	B. C. C. C. C.	38:04	38:04
J. Dechter	Theo. Starr Club	38:13	38:13
D. Keyser	Theo. Starr Club	38:18	38:18
C. Greenlee	Shanahan Club	38:21	38:21
C. Calby	Brickton Club	38:26	38:26
R. Ritchie	Meadowbrook	38:43	38:43
N. Daxater	unattached	39:07	39:07
T. J. Killian	N. W. B. C.	39:12	39:12
Wm. Melton	B. C. C. C. C.	39:20	39:20
J. Code	B. C. C. C. C.	39:26	39:26
D. Sorata	Brickton Club	39:28	39:28
J. Henry	Southwest C. C.	40:05	40:05
H. Hoffman	N. W. B. C.	40:06	40:06
Ralph Hendey	N. W. B. C.	40:06	40:06
H. Pruecher	N. W. B. C.	40:12	40:12
Sid Snell	Brickton Club	40:25	40:25
A. Kum	Theo. Starr	40:33	40:33
Max Keyser	Theo. Starr	41:21	41:21
W. McFadden	Pitt Lyceum	41:40	41:40

TEAM SCORES

Club	Points
Swedish-American	2 4 15 10 57
B. C. C. C. C.	5 6 7 11 12 41
Marquette Club	17 17 17 21 21 83
N. W. B. C.	9 10 14 18 21 72
Southwest C. C.	12 12 12 12 12 60
Theo. Starr	22 27 28 30 30 137

TIME PRIZES

Club	Time
H. Rabinowitz	32:00
Sehested	32:07
F. Zuna	32:11
George Williams	32:11
James Bayler	32:15



The photograph shows the runners in the annual event sprinting for the finish. Frank Segal, of the Mercury A. C., won the first prize.

FOUR RING KINGS EXPECTED TO BE TOPPLED FROM THEIR PINNACLES IN 1916 SEASON

McCoy, Alleged Champion, Welsh, Kilbane and Williams May Fall by Wayside—Willard's Heavyweight Title Firmly Attached

Although but one champion was bowled over during the 1915 flat season, when Jess Willard topped Jack Johnson into the rosin in the 28th round of their match at Havana, April 5, thus returning the heavy weight laurels to the Caucasian race, the opening of the 1916 campaign finds a number of crowns already jangling around in a most unstable fashion on heads of their wearers. One little crack on the chin may dislodge halos of the following title-holders:

Al McCoy, alleged middleweight champion.
Fred Welsh, lightweight champion.
Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion.
Kid Williams, bantamweight champion.

More firmly attached to its owner's brow is the title held by Willard. At the present time no competent contender for the heavyweight crown looms up on the pugilistic horizon.

The milling will be hard and fast in all boxing divisions owing to the unusually keen competition. The title-holder who boxing critics the country over are sure will be toppled from his pinnacle is Welsh, who won his championship on a questionable decision in London from Willie Ritchie July 7, 1914. Charley White is predicted as the next possessor of the lightweight championship. The Chicagoan came into prominence pugilistically because of his left hook—called the perfect punch—after he had knocked out several promising lightweight buds who were blooming as championship prospects.

Welsh has been making a wide circuit whenever championship bout conversation was put to him. It is doubtful, however, if the Englishman will be able to go through the 1916 season without defending his title. Welsh has been boxing for 10 years, and while his ring generalship and cleverness has carried him through limited bouts, it is a unanimous prediction that he will lose his crown the first time he attempts to defend it.

Now that Johnny Ertle has proved to New York and local fans that he is not a false alarm, as Sammy Harris, manager of Kid Williams, was wont the public should believe following the St. Paul lad's victory over the Baltimorean on a foul, the Kewpie is being heralded as a probable successor to the bantam throne.

Since coming out of the West Ertle has won all of his bouts on this side of the Mississippi. His knockout here in 48 seconds over Young Diggins stamps him as a terrific puncher, even though Philadelphia never has boasted of a champion.

PENN FOOTBALL COACH TO BE PICKED MONDAY

Name of Successful Candidate Will Be Announced at Directors' Meeting Tuesday

The University of Pennsylvania Football Committee expects to have a meeting some time Monday, probably in the evening, when the coach for 1916 may be picked. Members of the committee, however, declare that the name of the successful candidate, even if determined upon, will not be announced until the monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Athletic Association, which will be held on Tuesday afternoon. It is possible, though, that the committee will not know its own decision at that time.

Just who the man will be no member of the committee will admit, even if it is known. The impression exists in football circles that there has been a shift in the sentiment of the committee and that the most likely winner now is Robert C. Folwell, captain of the 1915 eleven, and who since his graduation has won fame at Lafayette and Washington and Jefferson, where his teams have beaten Princeton, Cornell and Yale and tied Harvard.

Captain Mathews and a majority of the committee wanted the coach picked before the Christmas holidays began. If a coach had been picked at that time it is almost certain that Mike Bennett, of Haverford College, would have been the lucky man. The appointment was postponed in order that action might not be considered hasty. Although members of the committee refuse to talk, it is known that the qualifications of Folwell have made a most favorable impression on the committee and he is thought to be more favored than Bennett at this juncture.

Several other men in the list of 11 given out three weeks ago are still receiving serious consideration, and members of the committee contend that they are still in the race.

Pat Moran Signs for Three Years

Pat Moran, the Phillies' only pennant-winning manager, yesterday signed and forwarded his contract to manage President Baker's team for the seasons of 1916, 1917 and 1918.

Philadelphia has developed a cracker-jack lightweight this year and it may be that this city will be represented in a championship contest this year or in 1917. Jimmy Murphy, the West Philadelphia, who recently handed Champion Welsh a nifty lacing here, looks as if he may improve gradually until he will be worthy of a crack at the championship. Although the boxing pastime has been in existence for more than 2500 years, Philadelphia never has boasted of a champion.

VINCOME MEETS M'CLURE IN CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL BATTLE THIS AFTERNOON

Many College Stars in Line-up of Two Powerful Teams—Game at Strawbridge & Clothier's Grounds

Philadelphia got its first glimpse of 1916 football this afternoon at the Strawbridge & Clothier athletic field, 62d and Walnut streets, when Vincome and McClure, two blue bloods of independent football, clashed for the championship of Philadelphia and Delaware counties.

This game was expected to go down in football annals as the biggest and most important game ever played outside the Philadelphia schools and colleges. Through the local sporting world for the last few weeks had run a current of anticipation over the contest.

While the game had many times been mentioned as the first one of the new year, it was, in reality, the closing battle of 1915, and was played as such, as it settled the championship of the past season.

Interest throughout this section of the State had been so widespread that the advance sale of 100 tickets had been snapped up greedily. The management was unable to satisfy the demand for reserved seats for fear of the ever-present speculators. However, 500 reserves were on sale when the gates opened at 1 o'clock, along with 6000 general admissions.

The outcome of the game will settle for all time the wrangle over the championship of the two counties. Since this title was left in doubt when the McClure and Vincome teams played a scoreless tie on October 23, 1915, there had been a big question among the adherents, players

and managers as to which team had the rightful claim. Previous to last October these two rivals met in the fall of 1914, but that game also terminated in a scoreless draw. Immediately after the signing of agreements to play today's game, the hostile managers called out their men to practice, and it was learned that four or five regulars on both Vincome and McClure would be unavailable for today. This indisposition on the part of the players, however, will not interfere greatly with the original plans of the managers, and to take their places both Vincome and McClure, manager of the team which bears his name, and William McDonald, of Vincome, at once sought out the best football material in Philadelphia.

Consequently a wild scramble for players resulted, and each team this afternoon had in its line-up several men who for the last few years have won honors in the prep schools and colleges. Besides the regular Vincome and McClure men, playing against one another were such football celebrities as Charles McCusker, Villanova, and his running mate at halfback, "Dutch" Forest; Tex Ramsdell, several seasons ago a headliner in the backfield at Penn; Stanley Hunt, Mercersburg; Norman McKisick, quarterback on the 1913 Swarthmore eleven; Ralph Mills, Penn State; Scott Smith, star lineman of the Pennsylvania Military College; Harry Swartz, Lafayette; Harold Lentz, all-star quarterback on the 1913 Central Manual team, and Bill Stephens, formerly of Muhlenberg College.

Both Vincome and McClure spent nearly an hour this morning in putting the final touches on their previous workouts with practice on their respective fields. Following a luncheon at noon today, the Darby aggregation attended a blackboard talk by Quarterback McKisick, captain of the team, and Manager McClure. Shortly after 1 o'clock the squad left for the Strawbridge & Clothier field in automobiles.

G. H. BROOKE WAS RACQUETS STAR OF 1915

Won Every Court Tennis and Racquets Event of Local Racquet Club

By winning all the Racquet Club's singles events in racquets and court tennis and sharing in winning the doubles events, George H. Brooke clearly established his right to the top notch position among local clubmen. Jay Gould is excluded, since he played in but the racquets doubles championship, which he won in partnership with Brooke. In addition to this, Brooke won the racquets singles championship, the racquets singles handicap, the court tennis singles championship and singles handicap, the doubles championship with W. H. T. Huhn and the doubles handicap with Edgar Scott.

Germentown Cricket Club regained the Interclub team championship of the Philadelphia Squash Racquets Association, and a Germentown man, Stanley W. Pearson, won the State and national championships. W. H. T. Huhn won the Racquet Club singles championship after a hard match with Charlie Jennings, and the latter, partnered by Doctor Frazer, won the doubles championship. The summary of the winners of these events follows:

SQUASH RACQUETS.
Germentown Cricket Club won Interclub championship of Philadelphia Squash Racquets Association.
S. W. Pearson, Germentown, won Pennsylvania State championship.
S. W. Pearson, Germentown, won national championship.
W. H. T. Huhn won singles championship of the Racquet Club.
W. H. T. Huhn and Dr. C. H. Frazer won doubles championship of the Racquet Club.
W. H. T. Huhn and Edgar Scott won doubles handicap tournament at the Racquet Club.

COURT TENNIS.
Jay Gould, Philadelphia Racquet Club, won national singles championship for 1915.
Jay Gould and W. H. T. Huhn retained national doubles championship.
G. H. Brooke won singles handicap tournament at the Racquet Club.
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G. H. Brooke and W. H. T. Huhn won doubles championship of the Racquet Club.
G. H. Brooke and Edgar Scott won doubles handicap tournament at the Racquet Club.

All-Saints Win
The All-Saints B.V.O. of the Independent League, defeated Sharon Hill Methodist, of the Early Interchurch League, on the former's floor last night by a score of 37 to 27. Honorary goal for All-Saints was the feature. Line-up:

Position	Name
Goal	Sharon Hill Meth.
Forward	Sharon Hill Meth.
Halfback	Sharon Hill Meth.
Quarterback	Sharon Hill Meth.
Fullback	Sharon Hill Meth.
Line	Sharon Hill Meth.

Feature Forecast OF NEXT SUNDAY'S PUBLIC LEDGER Sports Magazine

Not More Than 20 'Feds' Likely to Climb Into Major Leagues—George M. Young.

'Three Strikes and Out' An Original Rule of National Game—John Gruber.

Golf Association Suggests Honor System Among Caddies—William H. Evans.

Davi; Cup Hiatus Fails to Check Tennis Growth in 1915—Paul W. Gibbons.

Speed Constitutes Keystone of Williams' Tennis Game—Joseph J. Armstrong.

Mastery of Balkline Science Cannot Be Imparted—Frederick S. Hovey.

Basketball Has Warm Spot in Affections of School Boys—J. C. Kofoid.

Four New Champions Make Philadelphia Toy Poole Centre—Ray Ziegler.

Miss Claire Galligan Latest Star in Swimming Firmament—L. de D. Handley.

ABSENT-MINDED ABNER—Nobody Arrives at a Logical Conclusion Any Sooner!—By WALT McDUGALL

